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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Donald F. Albert et al.

Application No. : 09/972,163 Confirmation No.: 5897

Filed : October 4, 2001

For : ORGANIC OPEN CELL FOAM MATERIALS,

THEIR CARBONIZED DERIVATIVES, AND

METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME

Group Art Unit : 1771

Examiner : Hai Vo

New York, New York 10020

February 26, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith:

[X] an Amendment and Reply to Office Action; Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for Extension of Time (in duplicate); [X] Express Mail Certification; and [X] Postcard to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

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- [] A fee for additional claims is required.

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- [X] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [] \$55.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$210.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [X] \$475.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$740.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,005.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the August 27, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(3) to extend the time for filing this reply for three months up to and including February 27, 2004. Kindly amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 17 of this paper